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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In June 2011 the Veterinary Board of Governors terminated the order of probation against veterinary technician **Tanja Menks** (VT00007325).

Chelan County

In June 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against registered nursing assistant **Efrain P. Roman** (NA60050463).

Clark County

In May 2011 the Nursing Commission denied the application of registered nurse applicant **Betty Marie Stone** (RN60193681). In 2010 the Tennessee Board of Nursing revoked her privileges to work in Tennessee, and the Arizona State Board of Nursing censured her registered nursing license in Arizona.

In June 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against registered nursing assistant **Leann C. Wilcowski** (NA00169659).

Island County

In May 2011 the Board of Pharmacy denied the application of pharmacy assistant applicant **Erika M. Manson** (VB60193878). In 2009 she was convicted of assault, and driving under the influence.

King County

In June 2011 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician **Stephani J. Amstadter** (MD60031114). Dr. Amstadter's Washington license is unrestricted.

In June 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant **Carol E. Argosino** (VB00071712) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted hydrocodone from her place of employment for her own personal use.

In June 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against certified nursing assistant **Courtney Renae Barber** (NC60102052).

In June 2011 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Raymond K. Chan** (DE00005695) with unprofessional conduct. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard for prescribing practices, and he allegedly failed to keep adequate treatment records.

In June 2011 the Chiropractic Commission placed the license of chiropractor **Mark T. Dang** (CH00033803) on probation until December 2013. He failed to document in patient records any narrative description rationale for services billed to an insurance company. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In June 2011 the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Program charged marriage and family therapist **Marvin Gawryn** (LF00001356) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly engaged in sexual intercourse with a patient.

In June 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Jeff Gebenus** (PH00042289) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly directed pharmacy assistants to extemporaneously compound prescriptions; one of the pharmacy assistants allegedly had an expired credential.

In June 2011 the Chiropractic Commission placed the license of chiropractor **Dawn M. Hunter** (CH00034116) on probation for five years. She submitted insurance claims for massage sessions performed in her chiropractic clinic under the name of a practitioner who didn't provide the actual massage treatments. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In June 2011 the Veterinary Board of Governors granted the application of veterinary technician **Jennifer Ann Jennings** (AT60183102) and placed her license on probation for two years. In 2006 she was convicted of violation of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act — possession of methamphetamine. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In June 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Eneze Mwende Mwangi** (NC60116972) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to properly connect a strap on a lift while attempting to transfer a patient. The patient allegedly fell and sustained multiple, serious injuries.

In June 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Jennifer J. Sterling** (HC60185681). In January 2011 she pleaded guilty to unlawful solicitation to possess a controlled substance.

In June 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant **Jennifer K. Yee** (VB00050079) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly extemporaneously compounded a prescription, practiced with an expired credential, and failed to respond to Department of Health inquiries about practicing with an expired credential.

Lewis County

In June 2011 the Surgical Technologist Program terminated the order of probation against **Wendy R. Justus** (ST00003784). She is also known as Wendy Phillips, Wendy Whitlow, and Joyce R. Coleman.

Lincoln County

In June 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Kelly J. Nekola** (RN00175849) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Skamania County

In June 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Torel C. Bernal** (NA00087507) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Snohomish County

In June 2011 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Ted Neff**. He allegedly engaged in unlicensed practice of athletic training, medicine by advertising services, treating patients, and giving medical advice.

In June 2011 the Surgical Technologist Program charged **Stanley Romes** (ST00003730) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly played with the right nipple of an unconscious patient.

Spokane County

In June 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Janet M. Harding** (NA00109310) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In June 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of registered nursing assistant **Kristofer A. Latta** (NA60216170) and placed conditions against his registration. In 2007 he was convicted of possession of marijuana, and in 2009 he was convicted of reckless driving, and disorderly conduct. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Thurston County

In June 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Carlyle Raymond** (RN00105240) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Whatcom County

In June 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program terminated the order of probation against chemical dependency professional trainee **Shayla Jeanette Driskell** (CO60149304).

Out of State

California: In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant applicant **Francesca M. Lavezzo** (NC60191816). In 2010 she was convicted of criminal mischief.

New York: In June 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Rio Blanca P. Dalid** (RN60084174) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly appeared unsure as to what medications she had on her cart, was unable to calculate doses, withdrew the wrong form of drug to administer, attempted to administer medication to a patient who already received his or her medication, and inadequately administered medications.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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